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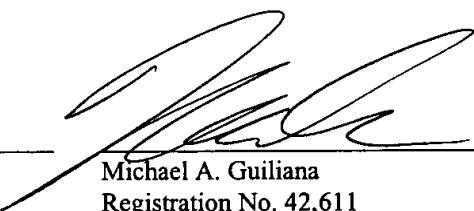
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2002, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following comments and amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have set forth below the paragraph beginning at line 31 of page 7 with deletions in brackets and additions in underlining showing only the changes made by way of the present amendment. A separate page is attached showing the amendments to this paragraph with markings to show changes made relative to the issued patent.

The layout of the exhaust system of the engine 23 in this embodiment is different from that previously described and for that reason the entire exhaust system will be described. This includes, like the embodiment of FIGS. 1-4, exhaust manifolds 84 and 85 that are affixed to the outboard sides of the cylinder blocks 42 and 43. Unlike the previously described embodiment wherein the expansion chamber devices are positioned also on the outboard side of the engine, in this embodiment, a connecting pipe, indicated